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GOVERNMENT FINANCIERING

Surprises seem to be the order of the day in our legislative circles but the one prepared by Minister Da mon for the benefit of the whole country takes-to use slang-the bun.

His Excellency has devoted considerable time during the last year in presenting weekly financial statements that reminded the people of the Pharisees: on the outside they looked very handsome and straight. to meet? Inside, alas, they were rotten.

If we can believe the figures of the minister this time the treasury is to all intents and purposes bankrupt. 'All the statements by the hired scribblers in this republic in regard to the wonderful prosperity of the republic and the unheard of surplus in the treasury were lies and lies, and lies. The minister has always paraded his balance on hand and he has even to the last moment been ready with sums of five figures under that head. He has never been willing to parade "bills payable" although that item is of some interest to any commercial firm: to say nothing of a government. But now when he finally is driven to bay-when he learns that the creditors of the government are "shaving" their claims at a heavy dis count because they cannot wait any longer for their money, then he finally gets up in the Senate and admits that the Treasury in running accounts still owes \$117,000, for the last three months. What the indebtedness is previous to the last quarter we do not yet know. What the amount of vouchers is which have been paid by "I. O. U's." for the purpose of keeping up appearances can not be estimated, until the minister or the Legislature call in an auditor who is neither a clerk of Baldwin nor of Damon.

The Minister states that the receipts of the Treasury during the last six months have decreased \$130,-000. The d-ficiency during the year's transactions is \$378,000. The government is now according to the figures of His Excellency running behind at the rate of \$39,000 a month. How long can that situation last?

It is very fine for the minister to state that the merchants who are creditors of the government have been very nice and that he hopes they will have patience. In due time they will all be paid. The fact is that the merchants have bad about all the patience that reasonably could be expected even from

We are told by a senator that tocommercial circumstances in Hawai are sadly depressed. A committee to investigate the cause of much de pression has been appointed. A d yet under such conditions does His Excellency ask the merchants to have patience and continue to wait for the money for which they have furnished the equivalent; which was not obtained by them on drafts on "patience?"

When the negotiations between the revolutionis s of Hawaii and the Harrison Administration for anexation treaty took place in 1893, the dept of Hawari which was to be assumed by the United States waplaced at \$3 250,000 The national debt during the last days of the Monarchy did not amount to that figure, but it was thought wise to lesve a margin for eventual unforeseen expenditures. The bonded indebtedness to-day, according to Mr. Damon, is \$3 738 000. At the rate we are going the debt of the country will be increased by nearly halfa million dollars a year. When we are ripe for annexation the jiogoes and admirers of Mr. Dole's "best republic" in the American Senate will probably open their eyes and hesitate, twice at least, before they assume the responsibility of liquidating the bankrupt Paradise of the Pacific.

What remedy does the Minister offer for this disastrous condition? He says that he believes we have passed the danger point. Pray where was that particular point? Was it when the treasury ceased to pay its honest debts on demand and had to beg its ered tors for a respite? Or was it passed when the bonded debt of the country had reached an excessive amount, which it will be impossible, probably, ever

The new issue of paper money is a very clever move. The paper will be circulated while the depositgradually will come in. It will reis, if its creditors will accept paper for receipted bills. While a temporary relief may be gained by the treasury, the financial mud in which the "best republic" has lauded us will get deeper and deeper.

We praise Minister Damon for finally having come out I ke an honand presented our financial affairs jutheir true colors. It is only just to say that from the first he has been opposed to the extravagance and to the absurd expenditures through almost ruined. He could not stem the tide. He could not check his coll-agues. He had to drift along with them and now lands with them in the mud, as the scapegoat of the juota. Patriotism may have led bim to take that dangerous financial toboggan slide with the other Ministers. He was wrong there. He should have told them as he did the S-nate yesterday, that "the Finance D-partment cannot be run in a dic tatorial manner," and then he should have resigned.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

We see so many references to a regular session of the Legislature to be held sometime in the future, that we may be pardoned if we ask whether the present session is a special one? If it is, some pertinent questions might be asked.

If we are not very much mistaken the innocent looking school bill contains a large sized African within its metes and bounds. What excuse can there be for bringing private schools under the control of the Board of Education? Possibly the bill is aimed at certain Chinese schools.

The continued cry of strange craft about the Islands reminds us of the annual report and seeing that the minister must be in his office.

Will Will until finally the wolf enpation for the high official, who materialized off there was not a now spends the day snorting around serious side to the insensale alarm smong Senators and fellow prothe Advertiser we might laugh at franzy; but there are people to whom that paper is an oracle, particularly hysterical girls and women, and some equally excitable men, that the contract for poi to Kalsu among whom we may number the Chief Justice.

And now the Attorney-General holds Executive sessions of the Board of Health. The dear public cannot be trusted with the weighty affairs brought before the Board. By the way, does it not strike the manly men in the community that i Doctor Armitage preferred charges against Mr. C. B. Wells, in the contention now raging between them, that a copy of such charges should have been at once furnished to Mr. Wella? But then W. O. Smith is not a manly man.

The Lehua's mission is the result of an executive se-sion of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association, or somebody is lying. The story goes, and this shows the folly of secret s-ssions, that the Emerson family and Professor Brigham have studied the Hawaiian Abur until they have become converted to a belief in them, and nothing would satisfy the e inverts but an expedition to loot the Necker Island Pautheon. Auwe!

In the eff ort to create the impress'on abroad that the native Hawaiisns are swinging into line with the Republic, the President of the Board of Health is not always hap, y in his appointments. We are alluding just now to the appointment of a Mr. Keliipio as a member of the Board of Health. Who is this Kelieve the treasury immensely-that hipio anyway? Upon second thought we will not furnish the answer, but sllow his colleagues on the Board to put the question to the President.

If Messrs, Damon and Baldwin are correctly reported in the debate on the gold and silver certificate bill est business man before the country, then we see new cause for alarm. If Mr. Baldwin and his brother in law will explain how the in-urance of gold certificates will promote gold deposits, and prevent the export of which the Government has become gold to China and Japan, they will throw needed light on the bill. There is some excuse for silver coins needed in every day fransactions; but the same excuse does not hold good in regard to gold coins. There is either some bidden purpose in the matter of gold certificates, or a whimsical one. If the former it should be exposed, and if the latter it should be incontinently squelched. It is always dangerous to monkey with currency.

> Nothing has been shown to the public yet which could induce people to believe that the promoters of the proposed Electric Cable Car Company have the wealth necessary to even start the enterprise. The name of J. B. Castle as a director may be very conducive to success and we have no doubt that if Alex. Young and other of his Kahuku friends were around, all the stock would be subser bed for immediately. ing. A. Young would simply be aching to get a finger in the pie especially if he could be assured that Mr. Castle will be appointed treasurer. By the way is there no work for a Collector-General now a days besides devoting

fanatic supporters of the republic. of the fable of the b y who cried, it is correct would be sufficient oc-

There was a petition before the Board of Health yesterday asking papa be given to the Chinese contractors who furnished the staple food last year. Such petitions should have small weight with the authorities. They are gotten up very easily and the promoter generally makes something out of it. A prominent poi merchant in Hono julu received an offer for a similar petition for the small amount of \$20. He declined the offer and may probably get the contract.

Even the Board of Health has adopted the Star Chamber business which prevails in all conduct of official business nowadays. It goes into executive session when ever anything of public interest is to be discussed. Publicity in the matter of complaints against Dr. Arnitegand Dr. Lindley would be of advantage to the two gentlemen mention ed. The complaint against Dr. Armitage is frivolous and emanated from C. B. Wells who in spite of his general unpopularity wants to "ruu" Wailuku. He can't do it.

The School Bill offers another reason why foreign governments should institute Consular Courts The ill conceded endeavor to bring the schools outside of the Congregational fold into line with the policy of Mr. Dole and his colleagues is only a foretaste of what is terposed. The builders of the socalled Republic are bigots first, last, and all the time, as their fathers

The S-pate for once showed its good sense in virtually killing the School Bill which had been laid beframer of it even if he has succeeded in being appointed Minister Washington-should thoroughly appreciate the comments of men like Damon, Smith, Waterhouse and Wil der-none of the gentlemen mentioned could understand-let alone approve-of the bill which was the result of the bad temper and general ignorance of the Board of Education and which was therefore promptly and properly relegated to oblivion.

The title of the Kerosene Bill provided for its removal "in certain cases." The reporters wanted to know in whose cases, Castle & Cooke's, the Standard Oil Co.'s, or

usual being absent from the House sent a reply by Minister Hatch to Representative Hanna that there was an appropriation for the comtime in organizing Citizens' Guards pletion of the new Market but that and Electric Car Companies. We other matters of more importance thought that the getting out in time were taking precedence. How busy

Topics.



Honolulu, July 9, 1895. Lord Rosebury is out and

Lord Salisbury is in. The

change is of cour e of the

greatest importance and it is

proper to look into the causes which led to the speedy downfall of the Liberal party. The majority of the Liberals will say that the retirement of Gladstone from the premership made his party weak, and that Rosebury could not hold the different factions togeth r. Others will claim that the vacilating foreign policy pursued by the Liberal government made the party which it represented and from which it gained its power unpopular. The English people are always preaching peace themselves, but they do not allow their government to do it and they are je lous of any real or imaginary att-mpt to infringe on their dignity as a nation by any 'blast d furriner." The vexed question of Home Rule has an obeen blamed for the for the protection of their subjects. downfatt of the Laberals, and there is no doubt that the 'ailure to solve that question has something to do with Ros bery's defeat. It is final y said that the ex premer's inclination for race probable, unless some check is in- horses made him unpopular among the very Christian middle clases who consider betting on the track and all the other peraphernalia of a horse race as works of His Satanie Majesty. And that is the real mi-take made by Lord Reschery. If he had possessed sufficient wi-dom fore it and the paternity of which he would have dropped horse seems to be highly doubtful. The racing and horses and he world have purchased a Monarch Bieyele and gone out wheeling. We are now exp cting a fresh invoice. It took only one month to sell the fir-t lot imported by us. We have only two wheels left and they are b th intend d for ladi s. The wheel is becoming so popular and so fashionable in Honolulu that very shortly everybody that knows eno gh to be in the move wid own a Monarch and -pin a ong streets and roads. As long as you sit on them you can't fall off. The Monarch is as intel igent as a horse and carres you perfectly sate, and it never shies. We suggest to all perso s who now ride or who intend to do so to whose? The House having no sense leave th ir orders for a Monof humor changed it to read "for fuel arch now. Our invoice will and mechanical purposss." Then be here in the "Australia"? having squelched the only point in and it may be too late to sethe bill they passed its third read. cure a wheel after the steamer arrives. Croers are now pouring in. Remember th t we The Minister of the Interior as are the Sole Agents of the Menarch in the Hawaiian Islands, and that the wheel can of be purchased elsewhere in Honolulu.

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